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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY WATSON

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SUBJECT: FY-78 AF CONSULAR CONFERENCES

1. THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO HOLD TWO AF CONSULAR CONFERENCES IN SEPTEMBER. PROPOSED DATES ARE SEPTEMBER 11 THRU 15 FOR WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN POSTS, AND SEPTEMBER 18 THRU 22 FOR EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN POSTS.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO HOLD AF/W AND AF/C SESSION IN ABIDJAN. BECAUSE NAIROBI HAS CONSISTENTLY HOSTED THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AF/E AND AF/S SESSION, WE WOULD LIKE TO HOLD THAT SESSION IN VICTORIA THIS YEAR. IN THE EVENT VICTORIA IS UNABLE TO HOST THIS SESSION, WE WOULD THEN HOPE TO AGAIN PARTAKE OF NAIROBI'S HOSPITALITY.

3. EACH SESSION WOULD HAVE 30 TO 35 PARTICIPANTS, MADE UP OF A PARTY OF AT MOST 10 FROM WASHINGTON AND A

CONSULAR OFFICER FROM EACH POST. HOST MISSION WOULD NEED TO PROVIDE MEETING AREA FOR UP TO 35 PEOPLE, AND TWO SMALLER WORKSHOP ROOMS. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE ALL PARTICIPANTS IN SAME HOTEL.

4. I WILL HEAD WASHINGTON DELEGATION WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM SCS, VO, PPT, INS, AND POSSIBLY OMB AND THE CONGRESS.

5. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING REPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

A. ARE YOU ABLE TO HOST THE CONFERENCE AT THE ABOVE SPECIFIED DATES?

B. IS THE POLITICAL CLIMATE A NEGATIVE FACTOR? WHAT ARE HOST GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC REACTIONS LIKELY TO BE?

C. ARE THERE ANY SECURITY PROBLEMS THAT WOULD RENDER YOUR POSTS UNSUITABLE OR REQUIRE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION?

D. CAN YOU PROVIDE REQUIRED FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES?

E. CAN SUITABLE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS BE MADE DURING THE TIME PERIOD INDICATED?
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F. WHAT IS APPROXIMATE DAILY RATE FOR SINGLE AND DOUBLE ROOMS WITH BATH?

G. CAN POST ARRANGE TO HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN OF CONFEREES (PREFERABLY THE FIRST DAY OF THE CONFERENCE) FOR INCLUSION IN DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER?

H. WHAT ARE HOST COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

I. WILL POST BE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH CUSTOMS/IMMIGRATION FORMALITIES AND TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT? VANCE

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